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The Honorable Edwin Martinez Governor, Pueblo of Laguna P.O. Box 194

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Dear Governor Martinez:

In recent conversations with Ron Solimon, I have learned of Anaconda's offer to make a cash settlement with the Pueblo for a release of their responsibility to reclaim the Jackpile-Paquate Mine. I would like to introduce you to the Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. and explain how we may assist the Pueblo on the project.

Anaconda's offer presents the Pueblo with many interesting opportunities for additional employment, obtaining management experience and making strides toward self-determination. However, this offer also presents the Pueblo with many difficult decisions that can only be made with the best technical support available. Of critical importance will be an assessment of the costs of reclamation to verify the adequacy of Anaconda's offer. Also, if the Pueblo decides to accept a cash settlement, there will be a need for experienced engineering and management support to assist the Pueblo in conducting the reclamation operations. Such support may be required to obtain Department of Interior approval of the settlement.

As you are aware, I am now employed by Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. in Albuquerque. Jacobs is an international engineering, environmental and construction firm which specializes in the management of major engineering projects. Jacobs is the sixth largest and one of the most respected consulting engineering firms in the United States. We have extensive experience in mine design and management. I work in the Advanced Systems Division which is supplying the engineering and environmental support to the Department of Energy for the reclamation of twenty-four uranium mills, the UMTRA project. This is a very complex seven-year project that has many similarities to the Jackpile-Paquate project.

I have spoken with our management concerning the decisions the Pueblo must make in the near future and they have expressed a strong desire to provide the engineering and management support that the Pueblo may need. Jacobs has the capabilities to provide a wide range of services; including, conducting an independent cost analysis of the various reclamation alternatives and providing engineering and management support.

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PUEBLO OF LAGUNA POL-EPA01-0008189^E I have enclosed a few pamphlets which provide an introduction to Jacobs' capabilities. If we may assist the Pueblo in any way, please contact me so that I may arrange for discussions between our management and the Pueblo.

As always, if you have any questions or if I can assist the Pueblo in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours, JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC.

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